THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The tentative cost of the proposed identified links of the National Perspective Plan at 1995-96 price level is put at Rs. 3,30,000 crore.

(c) NWDA is an autonomous society and its expenditure is met through Grants-in-aid released by the Ministry of Water Resources. The total Grants-in-aid released till date is Rs. 10488.42 lakhs.

(d) and (e) National Water Development Agency has completed 137 water balance studies of basins/sub-basins, 71 water balance studies at diversion points, 74 toposheet studies of storage reservoirs, 37 toposheet studies of link alignments and 31 prefeasibility studies of links out of which 30 links have been identified for preparation of feasibility reports. Feasibility reports of five links have been completed.

Implementation of Supreme Court directions on Krishna water dispute

284. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest directions of the Supreme Court over Karnataka/Andhra Pradesh water dispute on Krishna water; and

(b) the action taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The application of the Government of Karnataka before the Supreme Court on the construction by the Government of Andhra Pradesh of the Telugu Ganga and Srisailam Left Bank Canal projects on River Krishna came up for hearing on 8.10.2001 before a two Judge Bench who ordered that since in dealing with this application the interpretation of a judgement of Constitution Bench is required to be gone into, the matter be put up before the Constitution Bench.

Flourine in water in Kolar/Tumkur districts

285. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alarming level of flourine contents in water in Kolar and some parts of Tumkur districts;